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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
MAITLAND, et al.

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For: ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE NON-  
AQUEOUS WELLBORE FLUIDS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action dated 14 August 2002, Applicants hereby request the following:

Please make the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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38. (Twice Amended) A wellbore fluid of the water-in-oil emulsion type comprising a discontinuous aqueous or brine phase, solids, a water immiscible organic liquid OL, and having a non-aqueous continuous liquid phase that comprises a polar organic liquid POL which exhibits a dielectric constant of at least about 5.0 and a Hildebrand Solubility Parameter of at least about  $17 \text{ (J cm}^{-3})^{1/2}$  so that the liquid phase exhibits an electrical conductivity of not less than  $10 \mu\text{S m}^{-1}$  at 1 kHz, wherein the non-aqueous liquid phase further comprises a dissolved component (DC) selected from: water; inorganic salts wherein the anion(s) is (are) a conjugate base of an acid

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